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The Urban District of Normanton



Annual Report

For the Year 1972

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To: The Chairman and Members of the Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

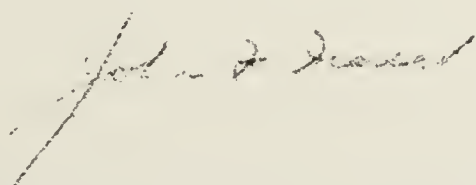
I have the honour to present for your information and consideration, a Report on the Health Services of the Urban District during the year 1972.

The Annual Report of the Chief Public Health Inspector dealing with all the Sanitary Services of the District, Housing and the Inspection and Supervision of Food Supplies, is complementary to this Report.

For your information, certain details of the present Health Services administered by the County Council are included.

I am,

Your Obedient Servant,


Medical Officer of Health

PART I

Statistics and Social Conditions of the area

Area of District in Acres	3061
Population, mid year, Registrar General's estimate	17540
Number of Inhabited houses at the end of 1971	6636
Rateable Value	£1,039,175
Product of Penny Rate	£10,230

Summary of Vital Statistics of the District for 1971 in comparison with 1972

	<u>1971</u>	<u>1972</u>
Population.....	17630	17540
Number of Live Births.....	276	207
Number of Still Births.....	4	4
Number of Infant Deaths under 1 year of age.....	6	2
Number of Deaths (all ages).....	212	248
Comparability Factors (see footnote)		
Births.....	1.02	1.10
Deaths.....	1.17	1.04
Crude Birth Rate.....	15.7	11.8
Adjusted Birth Rate.....	16.0	13.0
Crude Death Rate.....	12.0	14.1
Adjusted Death Rate.....	14.1	14.7
Infant Mortality Rate.....	22.7	9.7
Perinatal Mortality Rate.....	32.1	23.7
Neonatal Mortality Rate.....	18.1	4.8
Maternal Mortality Rate.....	-	-

The comparability Factors for births and deaths are supplied by the Registrar General and when the crude rates are multiplied by these Factors, the resulting rate is that which would apply if Normanton had the same age and sex constitution as the Country as a whole.

Vital Statistics for the Year, 1972

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	86	107	193
Illegitimate	4	10	14
	90	117	207
Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 population	11.8		
<u>Deaths (All ages)</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
	146	102	248
Crude Death Rate per 1,000 population	14.1		
<u>Still Births</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	3	1	4
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	3	1	4
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 Live and Stillbirths	19.0		
<u>Infant Mortality</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	1	1	2
<u>Infant Mortality Rates</u>			
Total Infant Deaths per 1,000 Live Births		9.7	
Legitimate Infant Deaths per 1,000 Legitimate Live Births		10.4	
Illegitimate Infant Deaths per 1,000 Illegitimate Live Births		-	
<u>Neonatal Mortality</u>			
Number of deaths of Infants under four weeks		1	
Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births		4.8	
<u>Perinatal Mortality</u>			
Number of Still Births and Deaths under 1 week		5	
Mortality Rate per 1,000 total Live and Stillbirths		23.7	

Maternal Mortality

There were no Maternal Deaths during the year.

Causes of Death (all ages)

The principal causes of Death are set out in the following table:-

Cause of Death	Male	Female	Total
Syphilis and its sequelae	-	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	1	2	3
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	3	3	6
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	15	3	18
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	7	7
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	-	2	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	3	-	3
Leukaemia	2	1	3
Other Malignant Neoplasms	6	2	8
Diabetes Mellitus	1	1	2
Mental Disorders	-	1	1
Multiple Sclerosis	1	2	3
Other Diseases of Nervous System	1	-	1
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	-	3	3
Hypertensive Disease	3	4	7
Ischaemic Heart Disease	44	24	68
Other Forms of Heart Disease	4	9	13
Cerebrovascular Disease	11	12	23
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	6	3	9
Influenza	2	-	2
Pneumonia	8	4	12
Bronchitis and Emphysema	24	4	28
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	3	1	4
Peptic Ulcer	2	-	2
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	-	3	3
Cirrhosis of Liver	1	-	1
Other Diseases of Digestive System	-	2	2
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	2	1	3
Congenital Anomalies	-	1	1
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.	1	-	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	2	4	6
All Other Accidents	-	2	2
Total All Causes	146	102	248

VITAL STATISTICS OF THE DISTRICT OVER THE TEN YEARS 1963 - 72

Year	Population	Birth Rate	Death Rate	Infant Mortality Rate	Stillbirth Rate	Maternal Mortality
1963	18,490	19.3	13.5	29	19.6	-
1964	18,360	20.4	12.8	41	13.4	-
1965	18,420	18.8	13.1	27	20.2	-
1966	18,570	17.9	14.1	12	24.0	2.99
1967	18,580	17.7	11.9	25	27.1	-
1968	18,550	16.5	13.9	13	13.2	-
1969	18,440	16.3	13.6	31	23.2	-
1970	18,350	15.4	15.8	29	21.0	-
1971	17,630	16.0	14.1	22	14.3	-
1972	17,540	13.0	14.7	10	19.0	-

Comparison of Normanton Vital Statistics with other West Riding areas, the West Riding Administrative County and England and Wales, 1972

	Normanton Urban District	Aggregate West Riding Urban Districts	West Riding Administrative County	England and Wales
Crude Birth Rate	11.8	15.2	15.4	14.8
Adjusted Birth Rate	13.0	15.5	15.5	-
Crude Death Rate	14.1	12.8	12.1	12.1
Adjusted Death Rate	14.7	13.0	12.9	-
Tuberculosis Respiratory	-	0.01	0.02	0.02
Tuberculosis Other Forms	-	0.00	0.01	0.01
Tuberculosis All Forms	-	0.02	0.02	0.03
Cancer of Lung and Bronchus	1.03	0.58	0.54	0.65
Cancer All Forms	2.85	2.37	2.23	2.43
Cerebrovascular Disease	1.31	1.89	1.79	+
Circulatory Diseases (except Cerebrovascular Disease)	5.70	4.98	4.67	+
Respiratory Diseases	2.62	1.80	1.73	+
Maternal Mortality Rate	-	0.05	0.04	0.15
Perinatal Mortality Rate	23.7	22.7	22.5	22.0
Neo-natal Mortality Rate	4.8	11.4	11.8	12.0
Infant Mortality Rate	9.7	17.1	17.6	17.0
Stillbirth Rate	19.0	12.6	12.2	12.0

+ = figures not available

Prevalence of and control over Infectious and other Diseases

Disease	Jan March	April- June	July- Sept	Oct- Dec	Total	No. admitted to hospital
Measles (Except Rubella)	44	213	15	-	272	-
Scarlet Fever	-	1	2	13	16	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	-	2	2	-
Typhoid	-	-	1	-	1	1
Infective Jaundice	1	-	-	-	1	-
Food Poisoning	-	1	-	1	2	2

Table showing corrected notifications of Infectious Diseases 1963 - 72

Year	Infective Jaundice	Measles	Whooping Cough	Suspected Food Poisoning	Scarlet Fever	Dysentery	Typhoid	Total
1963	-	595	6	-	15	1	-	617
1964	-	89	52	-	15	9	-	165
1965	-	127	10	-	80	4	-	221
1966	-	351	16	-	53	4	-	424
1967	-	60	35	-	20	1	-	116
1968	-	274	38	-	4	-	-	316
1969	-	6	-	2	19	-	-	27
1970	-	234	28	-	10	1	1	274
1971	1	7	2	-	4	1	-	15
1972	1	272	-	2	16	2	1	294

Tuberculosis

The number of new cases and the number of deaths occurring in 1972 are shown in the following table:-

Age Group	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0 - 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6 - 14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and Over	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-

The following table gives the position regarding Tuberculosis in the Normanton Urban District in 1972.

Summary of Register

	Respiratory	Non-Respiratory	Total
Number of cases on Register- 1st January	38	3	41
New Cases notified during year	4	-	4
Restored to Register	-	-	-
Transferred from other areas	1	-	1
Total	43	3	46
Number of cases removed from Register during the year	8	-	8
Number of cases left on Register at end of year	35	3	38

National Assistance Acts, 1948 - 51

Section 47 of the National Assistance Act, 1948, was designed to help persons who, suffering from grave chronic disease, or being aged or physically handicapped, being in insanitary conditions, are unable to devote to themselves and are not receiving from others proper care and attention. Under the original Act, applications were submitted to a Magistrate's Court for the removal of such persons, but the Amendment Act of 1951 introduced an accelerated procedure whereby application can be made to a Justice of the Peace.

During 1972 no person was removed from the Normanton Urban District under this Act, but orders were granted for the continued detention of the person removed during 1971.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE WEST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE

HEALTH DIVISION NO. 11

Castleford	M.B.
Pontefract	M.B.
Featherstone	U.D.
Knottingley	U.D.
Normanton	U.D.
Osgoldcross	R.D.

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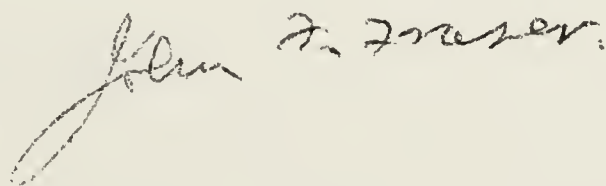
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10. School Health Service
11. Miscellaneous Services
12. General Provision of the Health Services
in the area.
13. Divisional Staff

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During the year the preparative machinery for the reorganisation of the National Health Service came into being. In July, Regional and Area Joint Liaison Committees were set up and Working Groups formed for the compilation of data for the information of the Shadow Authorities when appointed.

It is expected that the appointment of these Authorities will take place in the early Autumn of next year and that the appointment of Senior Officers to them will follow shortly afterwards. At the same time lists of staff for transfer on the appointed day will be prepared by their employing Authorities.

In our own Division we have begun a process of combining staffs from both the Pontefract and Castleford offices in order to produce a single working unit. This will help to ensure a smooth transfer of our activities to the new service.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Alan A. Fraser'.

Divisional Medical Officer

Section 1Vital StatisticsPopulation (Registrar General's Estimate)

Castleford	M.B.	37,980
Pontefract	M.B.	31,320
Featherstone	U.D.	15,340
Knottingley	U.D.	17,050
Normanton	U.D.	17,540
Osgoldcross	R.D.	9,320

Total Division 11	128,550
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Births

Total number of live births registered in the Divisional area.	2,000
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Crude Birth Rates

Division No. 11	15.6
West Riding Administrative County	15.4
England and Wales	14.8

Deaths

Total number of deaths registered in the Divisional area	1,483
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Crude Death Rates

Division No. 11	11.5
West Riding Administrative County	12.1
England and Wales	12.1

Infant Mortality

Total number of deaths of infants under 1 year	45
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Infant Mortality Rates

Division No. 11	22.5
West Riding Administrative County	17.6
England and Wales	17.2

Maternal Mortality

Total number of maternal deaths	-
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Maternal Mortality Rates

Division No. 11	-
West Riding Administrative County	0.04
England and Wales	0.15

Section 2Care of Mothers and Young ChildrenHealth Centres and Clinics

The following table gives details of the attendance of children at Health Centres and Clinics in the Divisional area during 1972.

Name and Address of Centre	No. of children who attended during the year and who were born in			Total No. of children who attended during the year	No. of attendances during the year made by children who were born in			Total attendances during the year
	1972	1971	1967-1970		1972	1971	1967-1970	
C.W.C. Trinity Street, Pontefract.	287	232	44	563	2843	1228	455	4526
Health Centre, Featherstone.	173	195	46	414	1088	1098	119	2305
Methodist Chapel, Streethouse	32	34	32	98	358	313	54	725
Health Centre, Knottingley	186	207	236	629	1825	1614	488	3927
Methodist Chapel, Ferrybridge.	69	74	43	186	706	544	102	1352
Mobile Clinic	82	89	84	255	609	633	189	1431
C.W.C. Crewe Road, Airedale.	266	215	104	585	2108	1747	473	4328
Health Centre, Welbeck Street, Castleford.	276	296	77	649	2056	1448	186	3690
The Mini Clinic, Lock Lane, Altofts.	46	56	39	141	537	533	164	1234
C.W.C. Church Lane, Normanton.	103	125	45	273	1126	957	134	2217
TOTALS	1520	1523	750	3793	13256	10115	2364	25735

During the year a single-handed General Practitioner asked to transfer his surgery to the Castleford Health Centre and it proved possible to agree to this. There are now three group practices and one single-handed practitioner accommodated there.

The new Health Centre at Victoria Street, Featherstone was completed during the year and the County Council services and the group practice of General Practitioners have operated there since July, 1972.

Mothercraft and Relaxation Clinics

Relaxation classes for expectant mothers were held at various clinics in the Divisional area. The following table gives details of attendances during the year:-

Name and Address of Centre	Number of women who attended during the year			Total number of attendances made during the year		
	Institutionally booked	Domiciliary booked	Total	Institutionally booked	Domiciliary booked	Total
Central Clinic, Trinity Street, Pontefract.	90	3	93	411	20	431
Health Centre, Featherstone.	57	15	72	401	11	412
Health Centre, Knottingley	25	1	26	171	6	177
Child Welfare Centre, Church Lane, Normanton.	31	6	37	143	37	180
The Health Centre, Welbeck Street, Castleford.	65	1	66	250	8	258
TOTAL	268	26	294	1376	82	1458

Care of the Premature Baby

During the year 136 babies weighing 5½lbs. or less were born in Hospitals or Maternity Homes to mothers resident in the Division. Fourteen were born at home.

Section 3Health Visiting

The following table gives details of visits carried out by Health Visitors during the year.

TYPE OF CASE		Total number of cases seen (1)	Number of cases included in Column(1) seen at special request of:-		
			Hospital (2)	G.P. (3)	
1.	Children born in 1972	1932	2	171	
2.	Other children aged under 5	6964	15	557	
3.	Persons aged between 5 and 16 seen as part of health visiting, (i.e. excluding those seen as part of school health service.)	1347	43	280	
4.	Persons aged between 17 and 64	799	92	304	
5.	Persons aged 65 and over	2710	601	505	
6.	Households visited on account of tuberculosis.	267	36	4	
7.	Households visited on account of other infectious diseases.	478	14	395	
8.	Households visited for any other reason.	115	8	35	
9.	TOTAL	14612	811	2251	
Number of persons included in lines 1-5 above who are:-	10.	Mentally handicapped	96	-	10
	11.	Mentally ill	22	-	18

HEALTH EDUCATION SESSIONS

Number of health education sessions attended by health visitors:-	12.	At health centres	52
	13.	At G.P. premises(excluding those in health centres)	1
	14.	At maternity and child health centres	93
	15.	At school	80
	16.	In hospital	4
	17.	Elsewhere	4
	18.	TOTAL	234

CASE CONFERENCES

Number of case conferences attended by health visitors with:-	19.	Social Workers	22
	20.	Hospital staff	67
	21.	General Practitioners	163
	22.	Any combination of above	90
	23.	Others (i.e. none of the above present)	201
	24.	TOTAL	543

Diabetic Liaison

The arrangement whereby a Health Visitor attends at the Diabetic clinics held at the Castleford Hightown Hospital and Pontefract General Infirmary continued. She is able to discuss with the Hospital staff every aspect of care required by the patients who attend. Arrangements are made for the patients to be visited subsequently either by a Health Visitor or District Nursing Sister.

Geriatric Liaison

Two Health Visitors attend a case conference each week at Headlands Hospital, Pontefract, where the progress of the patient and his social needs, are discussed, so that arrangements can be made for the provision of any service from my Department to be available when the patient returns home.

The Health Visitors make follow-up visits after the patient returns home.

Section 4

Home Nursing Service

All the District Nurses working in the Divisional area are attached to individual medical practices or groups of practices rather than working on an area basis. This system has worked extremely well and the closer co-operation between the doctors and nurses has been more satisfactory both to them and to the patients.

A large number of different items of equipment for loan to patients being nursed at home is available in the Division. These include wheelchairs, walking aids, bed pans, rubber sheets, commodes, beds, mattresses, foam rings, hydraulic hoists, etc. During the year 1,995 issues of such equipment were made.

The tendency to use disposable materials has continued and nowadays disposable catheters, urine bottles and sputum mugs are being used. The issue of disposable paper sheets to incontinent patients has increased considerably. These are a great help to the relatives who would otherwise be faced with large amounts of unpleasant daily washing.

Work undertaken during the year by District Nurses

Place where first treatment during year by the home nurse took place		Number of persons treated during year aged			
		Under 5 (1)	5 - 64 (2)	65 and over (3)	Total (4)
1.	Patient's home	283	2046	2273	4602
2.	Health Centres	61	1333	175	1569
3.	General Practitioners' premises (excluding those in health centres)	151	1872	197	2220
4.	Maternity and child health centres	-	-	-	-
5.	Hospital	-	-	-	-
6.	Residential homes	-	-	14	14
7.	Elsewhere	-	-	-	-
8.	TOTAL	495	5251	2659	8405

During the year the following work was undertaken by District Nursing Sisters in the patient's own homes(completed cases only).

Classification	Number of cases attended by District Nurses during the year	Number of visits paid by District Nurses during the year
(1) Medical	2,363	25,895
(2) Surgical	1,177	11,577
(3) Infectious Diseases	17	54
(4) Tuberculosis	1	3
(5) Maternal Complications	108	852
(6) Other	112	449
Totals:	3,778	38,830
Patients included above who were aged 65 or over at the time of the first visit during the year.	1,661	23,804
Children included above who were under 5 years of age at the time of the first visit during the year.	280	859

Day and Night Nursing Service

A limited service is provided in cases where an emergency arises during the terminal stages of illness to help relatives who have been faced with prolonged periods caring for patients. This enables them to get a few nights sleep without interruption. The staff employed can either be trained nurses or "sitters-in", depending on the needs of the patient.

During the year help was given in 10 cases which received a total of 792 hours help.

Section 5

Midwifery

The proportion of home confinements was about 16% of the total births.

Early discharges from hospitals and maternity homes and the investigation of home circumstances of mothers booked for 48 hour discharge continue to impose a considerable amount of visiting on the midwives. They also attend the Mothercraft and Relaxation classes held at Health Centres and Clinics in the Division.

The following figures relate to the Divisional Area:-

Domiciliary Midwifery

(a) No. of home confinements	323
(b) No. of patients receiving trilene alone	66
(c) No. of patients receiving pethidine alone	55
(d) No. of patients receiving trilene and pethidine	109

Early discharges from hospitals and maternity homes

(i) Discharged within 2 days	219
(ii) Discharged within 3 - 7 days	590
(iii) Discharged at 8 or more days	157
Total	966

Institutional Midwifery

Patients from this Divisional area are admitted to either the Castleford Maternity Home or Southmoor Maternity Unit, Hemsworth. The booking of these patients is carried out by my Department on an agency basis for the Pontefract, Castleford and Goole Hospital Management Committee.

During the year accommodation was provided for all patients having their first baby and for all those with home conditions unsuitable for a home confinement. Of the remaining applicants a high proportion were allotted beds.

Section 6

Chiropody

The County Council's scheme provides free chiropody for the following:-

1. Elderly persons (Males 65 years or over
Females 60 years or over)
2. Expectant Mothers
3. Physically handicapped patients

Patients are usually treated by the chiropodists at County Council Clinics, but when unable to do so on medical grounds, treatment is given at home.

The following table gives details of work undertaken during the year:-

Total No. of Clinic Sessions	1,210
Total No. of Patients treated at Clinics	2,503
Total No. of Attendances at Clinics	9,963
Total No. of Patients treated at home	992
Total No. of treatments given at home	3,901

Section 7

Health Education

There has been an overall increase in the amount of health education undertaken in the Division despite shortage of staff, particularly of Health Visitors. The new qualified Health Visitors have been given guidance and support, and the older members of staff encouragement to undertake some health education activity.

Developments during 1972 have been:-

1. The increasing use of the exhibitions stocked at Central Office. These were used in clinics and health centres, and the schools encouraged to send children to the clinics to see these exhibitions, followed by a talk from the staff.
2. A start was made on a programme for the children in Infants Schools. The response was encouraging, and it is intended to offer this service to more of these schools in 1973.
3. There was a limited service which provided a programme of talks to Junior Schools. Films and film strips were used. They included 'Personal Hygiene', 'Dentition' and 'Menstruation'. This field was limited by the availability of staff.
4. In the Comprehensive and Senior Schools the Health Visitors carried out detailed programmes of Health Education. These were tailored to fit the requirements of the school. These were needed in some instances for the C.S.E. courses. The talks and demonstrations ranged from mothercraft, home accidents, child development, smoking, drugs, to venereal disease and family planning.

Mothercraft Teaching Classes

5. These continued to function in a very satisfactory way. The syllabus in 1972 included Family Planning - a film and visual aids were used. This was very well received. The evening session was open to expectant fathers, who attended to see the film on the birth of a baby.

Mothers' Clubs

6. During the year more clubs opened in the Division. There is now one in each area. The attendances have varied. The clubs have tended to take time to grow, but once they function supply a very important service to meet the needs of the young mothers in the community. Some of the clubs support voluntary organisations working the field of child care.

Child Welfare Clinics

7. The field in which the majority of health education was carried out was on a person to person basis, although teaching in social informal groups was done. Displays were used throughout the year.
8. Staff undertook talks to both youth and adult groups in the evening. Most interest was in venereal disease, family planning and drugs.
9. Refresher training of staff, films and demonstrations were used in the field.
10. Posters and leaflets issued to factories and public buildings, e.g. libraries.

Section 3

Screening Tests

Cervical Cytology

This service provides for the examination of women, who, although physically well, may suffer from a pre-cancerous condition known as Carcinoma-in-Situ. All that is involved is a simple and painless examination and the taking of a cervical smear.

There has been a steady flow of applications.

During the year 552 smears were taken and 10 patients were found to have positive smears.

Well Woman Clinic

A special clinic session is held at the Castleford Health Centre every Tuesday afternoon at which married ladies are invited by appointment to be examined by one of our Medical Officers. The following tests and examinations are carried out:-

- Cervical Smear test
- Urine examination
- Blood pressure
- Blood test (Haemoglobin)
- Vision
- Hearing
- Weight
- Height

During the year 35 clinics were held and 356 patients examined. It was necessary to refer 1 patient to her General Practitioner.

The results of all the tests are sent to the patient's General Practitioner as a routine.

Ortolani Testing for Congenital Dislocation of the Hip

This test is carried out by midwives, health visitors and clinic doctors on babies coming into their hands for the first time. During the year 3 children were referred to specialists and confirmed as cases of congenital dislocation of hip and splinted. Seventeen other children were referred to specialists but found not to have dislocation of hip or given appointments for further investigation.

Phenylketonuria

Phenylketonuria is an inherited metabolic disease which causes brain damage and mental deterioration, but if diagnosed early there is the possibility of preventing irreversible mental deterioration if special dietary control is taken. Every child has a simple blood test performed at about six days old. This is done either in the maternity home or by the domiciliary midwife.

The tests on all babies in this area during the year proved negative.

Assessment of the Health of Young Children

For the past two years or so all children have had their hearing tested, subject to the agreement of the parents, at certain specified ages, 8 months, 18 months and 3 years of age. In July, 1971, a further scheme was introduced to monitor the health of pre-school children in an effort to isolate defects, take remedial action and keep children with defects under observation.

All children are now seen by Health Visitors, again subject to parental consent, at the ages of 3 months, 6 months, 10 months, 18 months, 3 years, and 4 years of age, to verify that normal development is progressing. Children thought not to be making normal progress are examined by one of the Authority's Medical Officers specially trained in this work. Appropriate action can then be taken. In those cases where a child may suffer from a handicap which will eventually require special education provision, advance warning can be given to the Education Authority on the need for accommodation.

During the year the following work was undertaken:-

1. No. of children assessed by Health Visitors	6,478
2. No. of children referred to Local Health Authority doctor	201
3. No. of children examined by Local Health Authority doctor	155

Section 9

Vaccination and Immunisation

Community immunisation in this country is at present directed to the prevention of Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus, Poliomyelitis, Smallpox, Tuberculosis, Measles and German Measles.

A revised schedule of vaccination and immunisation procedures was adopted during 1971. This is as follows:-

<u>Age</u>	<u>Procedures</u>
Six months	Diph/Tet/Pert. and oral polio vaccine (First dose)
Eight months	Diph/Tet/Pert. and oral polio vaccine. (Second dose)
Fourteen months	Diph/Tet/Pert. and oral polio vaccine. (Third dose)
Sixteen months	Measles vaccination.
Five years	Diph/Tet. and oral polio vaccine or Diph/Tet/Polio vaccine.
Eleven to twelve years	B.C.G. vaccine
Fifteen years	Polio vaccine (oral or inactivated) Tetanus Toxoid

Children born on or after 1st April, 1968, have been dealt with under this schedule. All the appointments and follow-up procedures are dealt with by the County Council computer at Wakefield.

Immunisation against German Measles (Rubella) commenced in October, 1970, and this was to be available to all girls between their eleventh and fourteenth birthday. Due to the shortage of vaccine, priority in the first instance was given to those girls in their fourteenth year. As supplies are more freely available all girls between 11 and 14 years of age have been offered vaccination.

The immunity which it gives lasts a considerable time, and through the usual child bearing life. That is the important fact, for although Rubella is usually a mild disease in childhood and adolescence it can cause miscarriages or handicaps in the baby if the disease occurs in the early months of pregnancy. Some of these handicaps (including blindness, deafness and heart disease) are very serious indeed.

The following table shows the number of children in the Divisional area immunised against the various diseases during the year:-

	Year of Birth						
	1972	1971	1970	1969	1968-1965	Others aged under 16	Totals
Diphtheria							
Primary	38	1,431	469	20	71	31	2,060
Reinforcing	-	5	17	3	1,364	610	1,999
Whooping Cough							
Primary	38	1,421	457	18	13	1	1,948
Reinforcing	-	5	15	2	41	7	70
Tetanus							
Primary	38	1,431	469	20	69	34	2,061
Reinforcing	-	5	17	5	1,350	635	2,012
Poliomyelitis							
Primary	38	1,429	468	20	139	183	2,277
Reinforcing	-	5	17	3	1,577	610	2,212
Measles							
Primary	-	805	619	34	34	2	1,494
Rubella							
Primary	-	-	-	-	-	1,336	1,336

B.C.G. Vaccination of School Children in Accordance with
the Provisions of Ministry of Health Circular 19/64

1. No. of medical officers (including Divisional Medical Officer) approved to undertake B.C.G. Vaccination 4

2. Acceptances

(a) No. of children offered tuberculin testing and vaccination if necessary, whether the offer was made during the year or previously 2,329

(b) No. of (a) found to have been vaccinated previously 48

(c) No. of acceptances 1,861

(d) Percentage of acceptances, i.e. (c) to (a) - (b) 81.58%

3. Pre-vaccination Tuberculin Test

(a) No. of children 2(c) tested 1,743

(b) Result of test:	<u>Heaf Test</u>	<u>Mantoux Test</u>	
(i) Positive	<u>168</u>	<u>-</u>	
(ii) Negative	<u>1,443</u>	<u>-</u>	
(iii) Not ascertained	<u>132</u>	<u>-</u>	TOTAL <u>1,743</u>

(c) Percentage positive, i.e. (b) (i) to			
(b) (i) + (ii)	<u>10.43%</u>	<u>-</u>	TOTAL <u>10.43%</u>

4. Vaccination

No. vaccinated:-

(a) Following negative Heaf Test 1,443

(b) Following negative Mantoux Test -

TOTAL 1,443

School Health Service

The basis of the School Health Service has traditionally been founded on the routine medical inspection of all pupils at certain stages of their school life. Changing social patterns and the ready availability of medical attention through the National Health Service have induced many authorities to concentrate the efforts of school doctors more on the ascertainment and follow-up of children with special handicaps or about whom nurses, teachers, or parents are concerned.

In September, 1968, it was decided to retain as routine examinations only the first (entrants) and the last (leavers) for all children. In the intervening years the parents are asked to complete a Health Questionnaire and only those children thought to require examination are dealt with. The following tables show the number of examinations carried out and the defects found.

Classification of the Physical Condition of Children
examined at periodic medical inspections

Age Groups inspected (By year of Birth)	No. of pupils who have received a full medical	PHYSICAL CONDITION OF PUPILS INSPECTED		No. of pupils found not to warrant a medical examination	Pupils found to require treatment(excluding dental diseases and infestation with vermin)		
		Satisfactory Number	Unsatisfactory Number		for defective vision (excluding squint)	other condition recorded at Part II	Total individual pupils
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
1968 and later	400	400	-	15	8	85	91
1967	1,240	1,240	-	327	35	210	230
1966	1,135	1,128	7	632	36	191	211
1965	634	624	10	705	22	97	102
1964	364	361	3	647	12	59	62
1963	250	250	-	556	4	34	34
1962	199	198	1	518	3	29	30
1961	120	120	-	321	3	16	19
1960	28	28	-	80	1	3	4
1959	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1958	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1957 and earlier	418	416	2	240	13	111	124
TOTAL	4,788	4,765	23	4,041	137	835	907

Col. (3) total as a percentage of Col. (2) 99.52%

Col. (4) total as a percentage of Col. (2) 0.48%

Defects found by periodic and special Medical
Examinations during the Year

Defect Code Number	Defect or Disease		Periodic Inspections				Special Inspection
			Entrants	Leavers	Others	Total	
4	Skin	T	86	45	14	145	26
		O	66	25	25	116	11
5	Eyes - a. Vision	T	85	13	39	137	21
		O	77	51	63	191	38
	b. Squint	T	48	1	8	57	11
		O	83	12	37	132	27
	c. Other	T	2	-	-	2	1
		O	4	1	8	13	2
6	Ears - a. Hearing	T	139	22	35	196	40
		O	34	2	48	84	9
	b. Otitis Media	T	25	-	18	43	6
		O	70	17	23	110	11
	c. Other	T	10	9	3	22	-
		O	2	1	1	4	3
7	Nose and Throat	T	93	1	23	117	17
		O	188	16	35	239	38
8	Speech	T	39	-	11	50	14
		O	93	3	25	121	23
9	Lymphatic Glands	T	10	-	2	12	3
		O	51	-	3	54	12
10	Heart	T	4	-	-	4	1
		O	26	5	30	61	32
11	Lungs	T	37	2	5	44	11
		O	95	8	42	145	24
12	Developmental a. Hernia	T	6	-	1	7	-
		O	10	-	4	14	2
	b. Other	T	41	20	16	77	25
		O	101	7	41	149	34
13	Orthopaedic a. Posture	T	-	-	-	-	-
		O	13	7	22	42	4
	b. Feet	T	29	5	3	37	11
		O	16	6	10	32	11
	c. Other	T	11	4	1	16	2
		O	52	4	21	77	9

Defect Code Number	Defect or Disease		Periodic Inspections				Special Inspection
			Entrants	Leavers	Others	Total	
14	Nervous System						
	a. Epilepsy	T	2	1	4	7	9
		O	13	4	18	35	3
	b. Other	T	5	5	3	13	2
		O	40	6	11	57	15
15	Psychological						
	a. Development	T	20	-	36	56	8
		O	103	8	133	244	54
	b. Stability	T	3	1	9	13	3
		O	223	9	140	372	45
16	Abdomen	T	12	-	9	21	5
		O	61	1	36	98	1
17	Other	T	29	9	14	52	33
		O	142	5	41	188	34
18	TOTALS	T	736	138	254	1128	249
		O	1563	198	817	2578	442

T = Requiring Treatment
O = For observation only

Cleanliness Inspections

Routine and request inspections were carried out at each school by the school nurses and a total of 46,907 inspections and re-inspections were carried out. Six-hundred and one individual children were reported to be unsatisfactory but it should be pointed out that in the majority of cases the degree of infestation is extremely light.

The remedial procedure adopted on the discovery of these defects is to notify the parents informally in the first instance, visiting if necessary to give advice on the methods of dealing with infestation. If cure is not effected the nurse visits the home and interviews the parents, and finally, if it is evident that insufficient care is being exercised, the Statutory Notice under the Education Act, 1944, is sent requiring the child to be cleansed to the satisfaction of the Medical Officer or to the person appointed by him for that purpose within 48 hours.

Consultant Ear, Nose and Throat Clinics

A special clinic is held at the Central Clinic, Trinity Street, Pontefract, by Mr. K. M. Mayall, each fortnight. Details of these clinics are as follows:-

1. Number of sessions held during the year - 52

	<u>Pre-School Children</u>	<u>School Children</u>
2. Number of individual children seen by consultant including those continuing attendance from previous year.	10	179
3. Number of (2) above referred for operative treatment	5	102
4. Number of children:-		
(a) who obtained operative treatment during the year	5	85
(b) treated at school clinics	-	20
5. Total number of attendances at consultant clinic	20	467

Consultant Paediatric Clinics

Dr. J. D. Pickup holds a clinic at the Health Centre, Welbeck Street, Castleford, as and when required.

Details of the clinics held are as follows:-

1. Number of sessions held during year - 2

	<u>Pre-school Children</u>	<u>School Children</u>
2. Number of individual patients seen:-		
(a) New cases	1	2
(b) Cases attending from previous year(s)	-	14
3. Total number of attendances at clinics:	2	17

Ophthalmic Clinics

These are held at the Health Centre, Welbeck Street, Castleford, and Central Clinic, Trinity Street, Pontefract.

Total number of attendances	1,778
Number of pupils for whom glasses prescribed	507

Child Guidance Clinic

A Child Guidance Clinic is held every Wednesday at the Central Clinic, Trinity Street, Pontefract. Dr. K. N. Maxwell, Psychiatrist, is in charge of the clinic and has the assistance of Mr. P. W. Atkinson, Psychologist, and Mrs. P. Harris, Social Worker in Psychiatry. The following table gives details of work undertaken during the year:-

Number of sessions held during year - 96

	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Total</u>
Number of cases brought forward from 1971	39	19	58
Number of new cases during year	44	39	83
Total number of cases	83	58	141
Total number of cases discharged or admitted for residential treatment	52	32	84
Number of cases carried forward	31	26	57

Speech Therapy

Special clinics are held in the Division at the Health Centre, Castleford, Child Welfare Clinic, Normanton, Central Clinic, Pontefract, Health Centre, Knottingley, and at the Castle Day Special School for Educationally Subnormal Children.

I give below details of the work undertaken:-

1.	Number of half-day sessions held during the year	...	...	...	270	
2.	(a) Number of children seen for the first time during the year				50	
	(b) Number of children attending for treatment from previous years				94	
	Total number of children treated $[2(a) + 2(b)]$ to agree with Form 8M (iii) <u>F</u>	...	...	...	...	144
3.	Number of children awaiting treatment at end of year	...	...		119	
	(a) Interviewed and placed on waiting list	...	...	...	61	
	(b) Not seen	...	...	...	58	
4.	Children discharged during the year:					
	Total	...	...	...	...	27 10
	Analysis	...	...	...	...	- -
	Speech normal	...	...	...	...	6 5
	Speech improved	...	...	...	...	7 2
	Unsuitable for treatment	...	...	...	...	1 -
	Non co-operation	...	...	...	...	2 1
	Admitted to special schools	...	...	...	...	2 -
	Left school	...	...	...	...	3 1
	Left district	...	...	...	...	6 -
	Other reasons (private treatment)	...	...	...	...	- 1
5.	Number of visits made to schools	...	...	...	...	14
6.	Number of home visits	...	...	...	...	3
	<u>Analysis of Children Treated</u>					
						<u>Boys</u> <u>Girls</u>
1.	Stammerers (Dysrhythmia)	...	...	...	...	19 4
2.	Defects of Articulation due to:-					
	(a) Cleft palate	...	...	...	...	6 5
	(b) Cerebral palsy	...	...	...	...	2 4
	(c) Other structural malformations	...	...	...	...	1 2
	(d) Other causes, e.g. neurological	...	...	...	...	6 -
	(e) No specific cause found	...	...	...	...	35 12
3.	Disorders of Language due to:-					
	(a) Retarded language development(non-specific)	...	...	...	...	19 1
	(b) Retardation with associated subnormality	...	...	...	...	17 4
	(c) Retardation associated with deafness	...	...	...	...	3 1
	(d) Dysphasia	...	...	...	...	- -
	(e) Aphasia	...	...	...	...	- -
	(f) Other reasons	...	...	...	...	1 1
4.	Dysphonia	...	...	...	...	1 -
5.	Other defects	...	...	...	...	- -

Examination of Handicapped Children

The regular medical examination of handicapped children continued during the year and where necessary recommendations were made to the Education Authority for the placement of children in special schools.

Section 11

Miscellaneous Services

Mass Radiography

The Mobile Unit of the Leeds Regional Hospital Board visits the area from time to time. The policy of the Board is to concentrate their efforts on examining work people in industries where there is a greater risk in contracting chest diseases rather than holding sessions for members of the general public.

In 1972 the Unit did not visit the area except to carry out a small survey, by special request, at an old people's home. The number of patients dealt with as follows:-

Total number of persons x-rayed	150
Number of active cases of Tuberculosis found	-
Number of inactive cases of Tuberculosis found	-
Number of non-Tuberculous abnormalities	1

Family Planning

The County Council allows free use of clinic premises and equipment to the Family Planning Association and in addition pays for the cost of medical advice to all patients and for the cost of appliances for patients referred on medical grounds only.

In this area the Association holds weekly sessions at the Castleford Hightown Hospital, Central Clinic, Pontefract, and at the Knottingley Health Centre. Sessions are also held at the Normanton Child Welfare Clinic three times each month.

Battered Babies

Early in 1970, Ministry Circular C.M.O. 2/70 drew attention to the problem of young children who are injured by their parents. It was felt that local discussion should take place amongst all agencies concerned with child care so that a definite course of action should be planned for dealing with this problem.

A Committee was therefore established in the Divisional area involving the Consultant Paediatrician, Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, Divisional Medical Officers, Children's Officer, N.S.P.C.C., Nursing Officers and Police. The need for early recognition of the problem was discussed and a policy formulated for dealing with any case or suspected case of the syndrome. Following the original meeting subsequent committee meetings have been called to deal with individual cases. These have proved most helpful and excellent liaison has been established between the Hospital Service, the Local Authority Services and the N.S.P.C.C.

Medical Examination of Staff

During the year the following medical examinations were carried out on behalf of the County Council:-

Entrants to Teacher Training Colleges	186
Entrants to Teaching Profession	8
School Meals Service	46
Superannuation	21

Section 12

General Provisions of the Health Services

A. HOSPITALS

Facilities for patients from this area are provided at the following hospitals:-

1. General Hospital Accommodation

Castleford Hightown Hospital
Pontefract General Infirmary
Ackton Hospital, Featherstone

2. Maternity Homes

Castleford Maternity Home
Southmoor Maternity Unit, Hemsworth

3. Chronic Sick

Headlands Hospital, Pontefract
Southmoor Hospital, Hemsworth

4. Mental Hospitals

Stanley Royd Hospital, Wakefield

5. Isolation Hospitals

Burntwood Hospital, Brierley
Seacroft Hospital, Leeds.

B. AMBULANCE SERVICE

The West Riding County Council provide the ambulance service and there is a depot situated in Beancroft Street, Castleford, Telephone Castleford 2281.

C. LABORATORY FACILITIES

The Public Health Laboratory at Wood Street, Wakefield, (under the administration of the Medical Research Council of the Department of Health and Social Services) accepts bacteriological, biological, entomological and chemical investigations from General Practitioners and the Public Health Department.

Divisional Staff at 31st December, 1972

Divisional Medical Officer

J. F. Fraser, M.B., B.S., M.F.C.M., D.P.H., D.R.C.O.G.

Senior Departmental Medical Officer and School Medical Officer

Castleford - Vacancy

Pontefract - Vacancy

Medical Officers for Maternity and Child Welfare and School Medical Services

Full-time

Vacancies

Part-time

M. M. Brearley, M.B., Ch.B.
I. Butler, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.
D. J. Haiste, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.
K. V. Jackson, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.
M. Mason Jones, M.B., B.S., D.P.M.
J. L. Mabbott, M.B., B.S.
V. Pearson, M.B., Ch.B., D.C.H., D.R.C.O.G.
F. J. Penrose, M.B., Ch.B.
S. F. Schofield, M.B., Ch.B., D.C.H., D.P.H.
M. M. Scholefield, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.
A. Vaux, M.B., B.S.

Leeds Regional Hospital Board - Visiting Staff

Paediatrician

J. D. Pickup, M.D., Ch.B., D.C.H.

Ophthalmologists

K. K. Prasher, M.B., B.S., D.O.

Vacancy

Orthopaedic Surgeon

Vacancy

Oto-Rhino Laryngologist

K. M. Mayall, M.A., M.B., B.Chir., F.R.F.P.S.G., L.R.C.P., D.L.O.

Child Guidance Clinic

Psychiatrist - Dr. K. N. Maxwell

Psychologists - P. W. Atkinson

D. Clark

Social Worker - Mrs. P. Harris

Divisional Nursing Officer

Mrs. M. Craig

Nursing Officers

Health Visiting

Mrs. M. D. Fisher

Mrs. S. A. Izon

Home Nursing

Mrs. M. Berwick

Midwifery

Mrs. P. Green

Health Visitors and School Nurses

Mrs. J. Allsopp

Mrs. M. E. Bedford

Mrs. S. N. Dinsdale

Mrs. G. M. Dixon

Miss A. Elsley

Mrs. M. Faulkner

Mrs. M. Inman

Mrs. V. M. Newby

Miss M. Reading

Miss I. J. Robinson

Mrs. M. P. Sawyer

Miss J. E. Spurr

Mrs. M. B. Toplis

Mrs. E. M. Vipurse

Mrs. M. A. Ward

Mrs. E. M. White

Mrs. L. Whiteley

Miss S. E. Wollaston

Assistant Health Visitors

Mrs. J. M. Brown

Mrs. M. Clarkson

Mrs. A. J. Conway

Mrs. M. E. Davie

Mrs. A. Ellis

Mrs. N. Goalby

Mrs. L. Hudson

Mrs. E. Johnson

Mrs. B. M. Milward

Mrs. J. Steels

Midwives

Mrs. C. Atkinson
Mrs. K. Berry
Miss M. Brazey
Mrs. K. Clarkson
Mrs. M. I. Foley
Mrs. J. R. Pearson
Mrs. A. M. Randall
Mrs. M. Richardson
Mrs. A. Watson
Mrs. S. Whitehead
Mrs. M. Wylie

Home Nurses

Full-time

Miss M. Andrew
Mrs. M. Bennison
Mrs. C. P. Bowler
Mrs. M. Burrows
Mrs. J. E. Busson
Mrs. S. Calvert
Mrs. S. G. Cousins
Mrs. S. Eaton
Mrs. M. L. Etherington
Mrs. K. Frain
Mrs. M. Golding
Mrs. F. Green
Mrs. P. Howes
Miss M. C. Laing
Mrs. V. McVeigh
Mrs. S. Megson
Mrs. A. Pearce
Mrs. J. M. Pycock
Mrs. H. Rowbottom
Mrs. G. E. Shell
Mrs. P. Tinker
Mrs. M. Yates

Part-time

Mrs. P. M. Long
Mrs. M. R. Moore

Speech Therapists

Mrs. N. Hepworth (part-time)
Mrs. S. C. Holmes (part-time)

Administrative and Clerical Staff

Divisional Administrative Officer W. Carver
Deputy Divisional Administrative Officer - C. R. Pickering
Administrative Officer - W. R. Wood
Mrs. A. Ball
Mrs. A. K. Booth
Mrs. M. H. Carver (part-time)
Miss N. Cawthra
Mrs. B. Chapman
Mrs. I. A. D. Cooper
Mrs. J. E. Cresswell
Miss M. R. M. Duker
Miss A. Ellison
Mrs. C. Hardy
Mrs. G. Hutchinson
Mr. B. Morley
Mrs. L. Murgatroyd (part-time)
Mrs. J. Sampson
Mrs. S. A. Smith (part-time)
Mrs. M. Tate
Miss J. M. Wallace
Mrs. B. Whittingham (part-time)
Miss C. A. Wilkinson

The Urban District of Normanton



Annual Report

OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

For the Year 1972

Public Health Inspector:

F. WILSON, M.A.P.H.I., M.R.S.H., M. Inst. P.C.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
ON THE WORK OF HIS DEPARTMENT
FOR THE YEAR 1972

To the Chairman and Members of the
Urban District Council of Normanton

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting to you my Annual Report on the Sanitary and Cleansing Service for the year 1972. The report on Sanitary Administration covers the year ending 31st December, 1972, whilst the Cleansing Section is for the financial year ending 31st March, 1973.

Much routine work was done during the year under the Public Health Acts and as a result a considerable amount of repairs were carried out.

Many improvement and standard grant applications were made during the year, in the main by owner/occupiers but owners and agents were at last taking advantage of the scheme also the Council continued to help in these cases as much as possible. The introduction of 75% grants resulted in a considerable increase in the number of properties improved.

With regard to Slum Clearance ten Clearance Areas were declared by the Council during the year, comprising 186 houses. There are now no back-to-back houses in Normanton as a result of strenuous action by the Council over many years.

During the year much work was done under the Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act, 1963, and some contraventions were found and the necessary notices served.

Our refuse collection and disposal services continued to be maintained at the very high level we have come to expect as normal in Normanton.

The Council have cause to be justly proud of their efforts in many spheres of public health over many years.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND HOUSING ACTS

A considerable proportion of the work of my department is still devoted to the elimination of nuisances, sanitary defects and housing repairs generally.

The following is a summary of the work in this connection:-

Total number of Nuisance Inspections made	303
Total number of Inspections made	1792
Total number of houses inspected under Public Health and Housing Acts	410
Total number of Intimation Notices served	78
Total number of Statutory Notices served Public Health Acts	52

These were split up as follows:-

Public Health Act 1936

Section 39 Notices	13
Section 45 Notices	11
Section 75 Notices	4
Section 93 Notices	24

Public Health Act 1961

Section 17 Notices	-
Section 18 Notices	-
Section 26 Notices	-
52	Total

Section 93 Notices	6
Nuisances outstanding end of 1971	52
Nuisances found 1972	130
Total needing abatement	182
Abated during 1972	133
Outstanding end of 1972	49
Notices served under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1957	Nil
Notices under Section 9 complied with by the Local Authority in default of owners	Nil

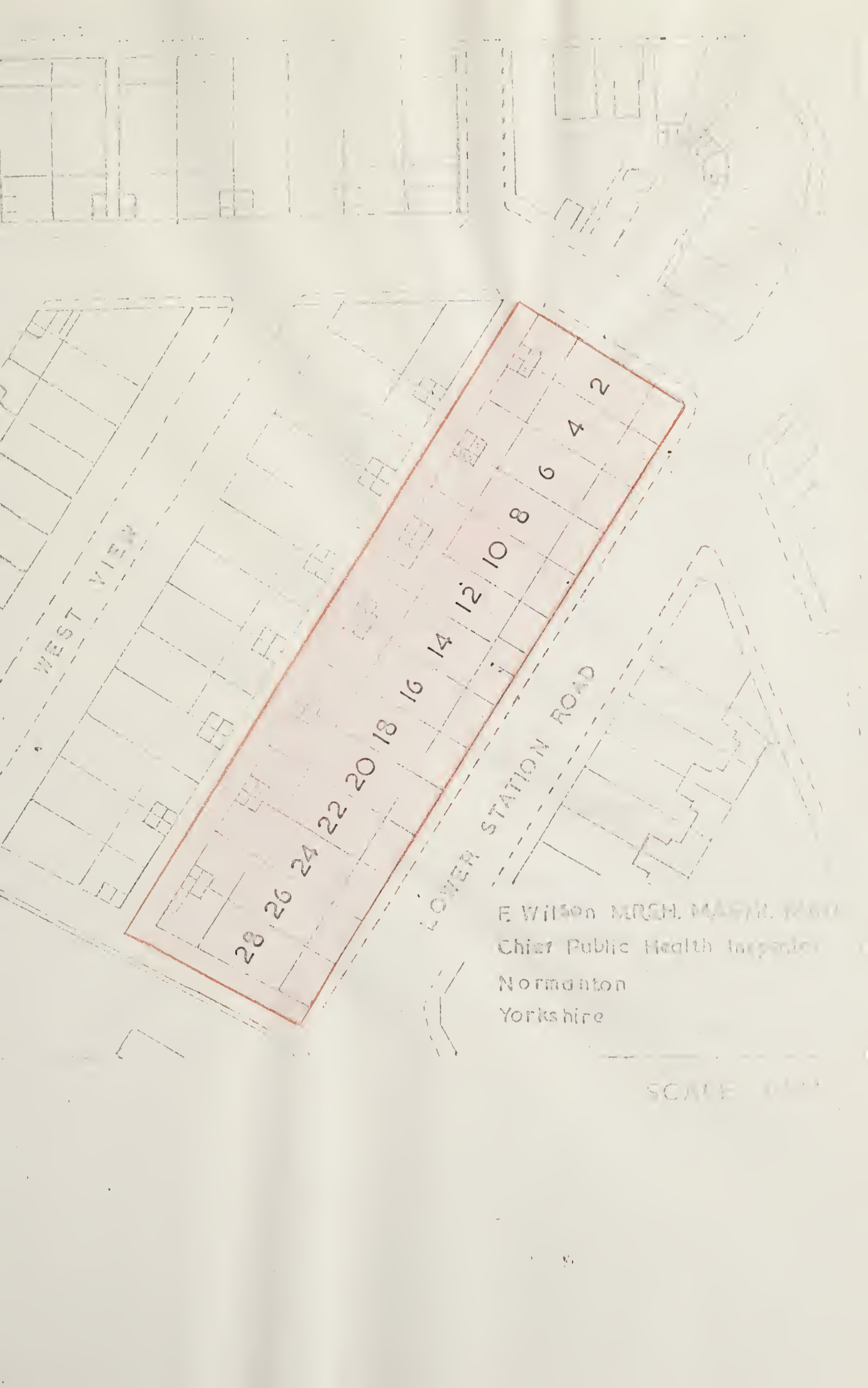


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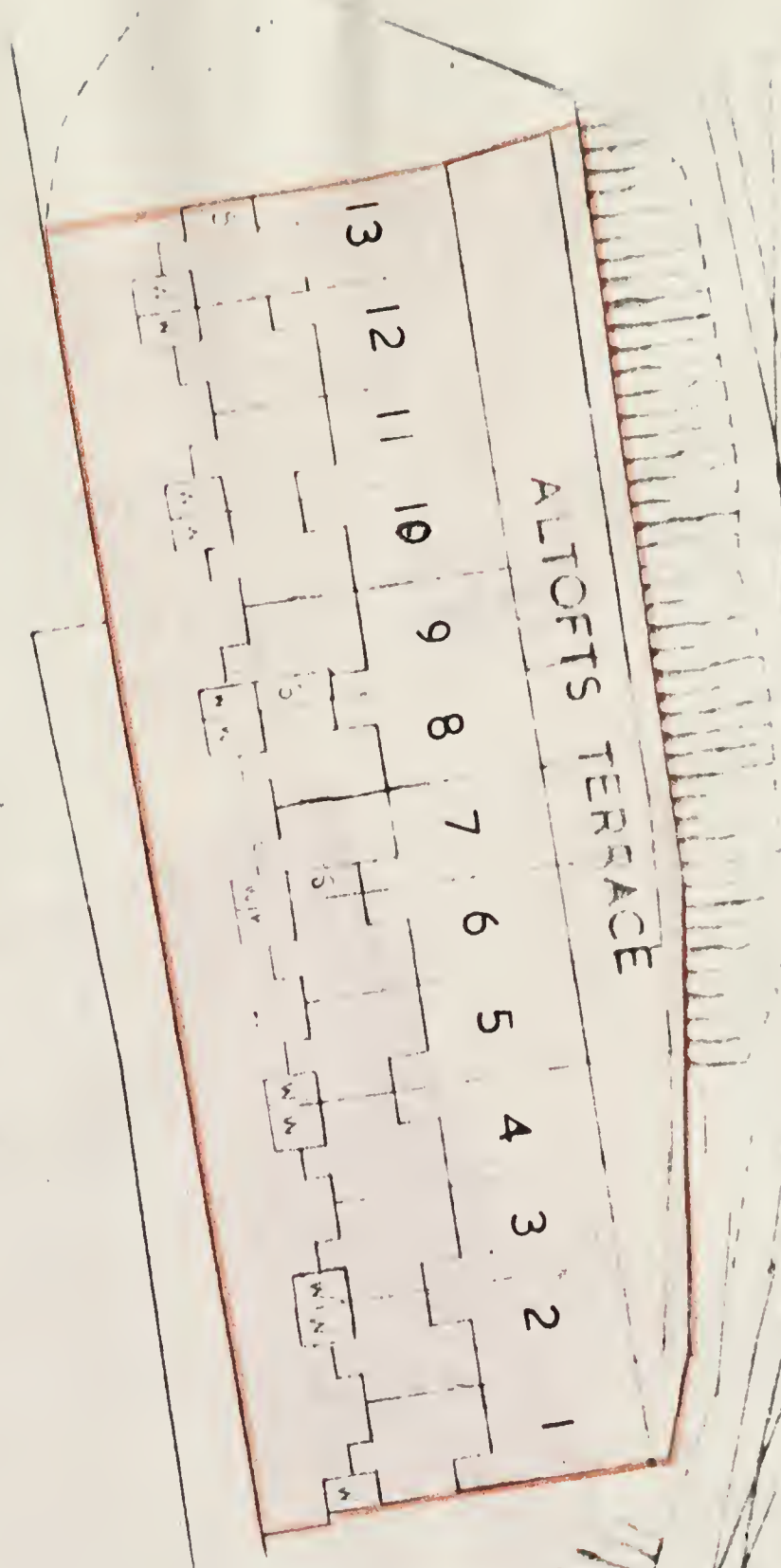
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CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.
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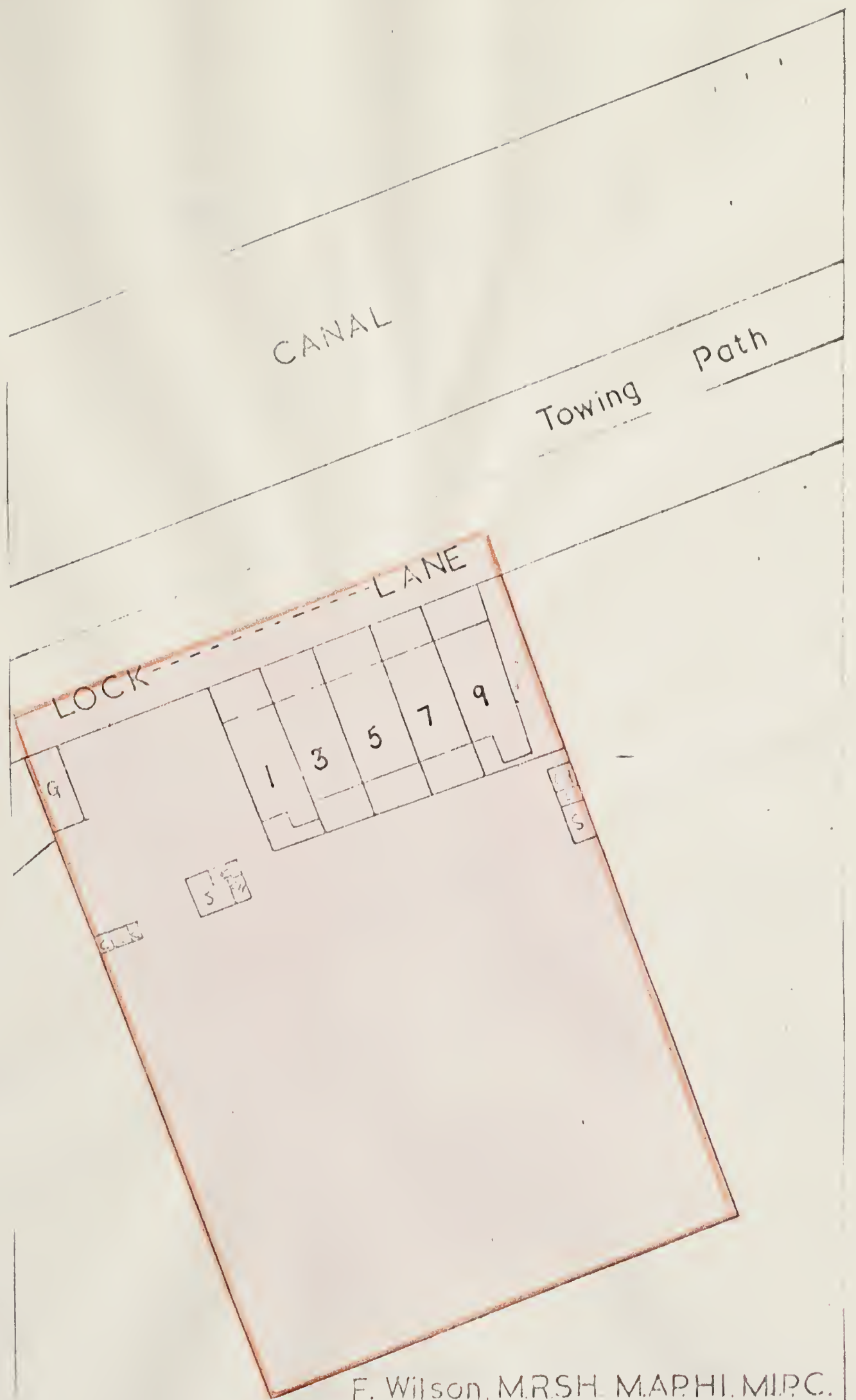
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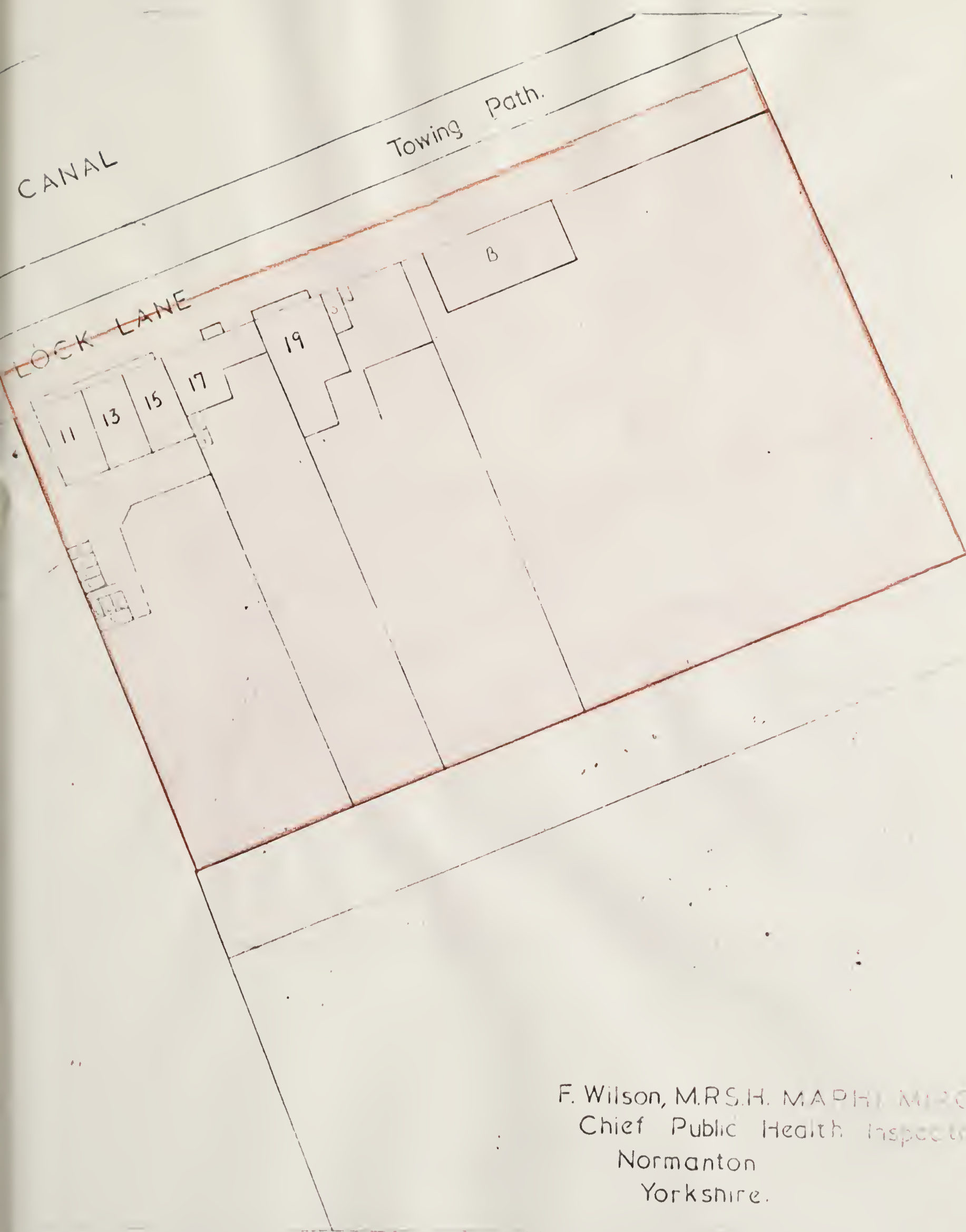
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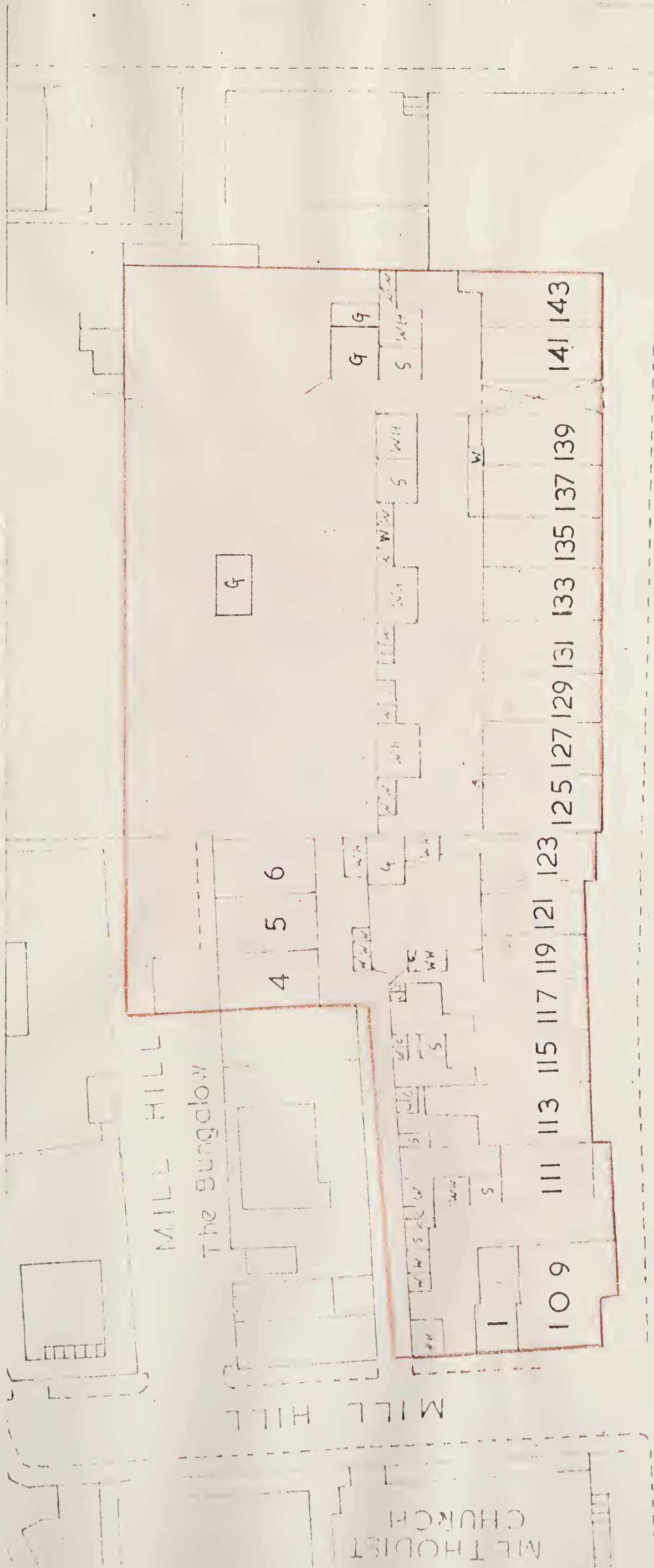
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STANLEY ST.

29	27	25	23	21	19	17	15	13	11	9	7	5	3	1

30	28	26	24	22	20	18	16	14	12	10	8	6	4	2

GRANVILLE ST.



W A K E F I E L D R O A D



During the year Slum Clearance was continued, and Clearance Areas were declared by the Council in respect of the following ten areas:-

	<u>No. of Houses</u>
Urban District of Normanton - Woodhead Place - (No. 141) - Clearance Area 1971.	5
Urban District of Normanton - Princess Street - (No. 142) - Clearance Area 1971.	34
Urban District of Normanton - Snydale Road - (No. 143) - Clearance Area 1971.	21
Urban District of Normanton - Lower Station Road - (No. 144) - Clearance Area 1971.	14
Urban District of Normanton - Altofts Terrace - (No. 145) - Clearance Area 1971.	13
Urban District of Normanton - Lock Lane - (No. 146A) - Clearance Area 1971.	5
Urban District of Normanton - Lock Lane - (No. 146B) - Clearance Area 1971.	5
Urban District of Normanton - Stanley Street/ Granville Street - (No. 147) - Clearance Area 1971	44
Urban District of Normanton - Wakefield Road/ Mill Hill - (No. 148) - Clearance Area 1972.	26
Urban District of Normanton - Watson Street/ Gladstone Terrace/Stanley Cottages/Talbot Street - (No. 149) - Clearance Area 1972	19
Total	186

Plans of these are included in the report.

HOUSING STATISTICS

No. of Dwellinghouses in district	6636
No. of Houses included in above (a) Back-to-Back	Nil
(b) Single back	Nil

Houses in Clearance Areas and Unfit houses elsewhere

No. of houses included in representation made during the year	
(a) in clearance areas	186
(b) individual unfit houses	Nil
(c) local authority houses certified unfit	Nil

	Number of Houses	Displaced during year	
		Persons	Families
A.1. HOUSES DEMOLISHED			
In Clearance Areas			
(1) Houses unfit for human habitation	16	93	30
(2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement, etc.	-	-	-
(3) On land acquired under Section 43 (2) Housing Act 1957	2	-	-
Not in Clearance Areas			
(4) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Sections 16 or 17 (1) Housing Act 1957	Nil	20	6
(5) Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health	-	-	-
(6) Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under Local Acts.	-	-	-
(7) Unfit houses included in Unfitness Orders	-	-	-
A.2. NUMBER OF DWELLINGS INCLUDED ABOVE WHICH WERE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AS CLOSED			
	-	-	-
B. UNFIT HOUSES CLEARED			
(8) Under Sections 16 (4), 17 (1), and 35 (1), Housing Act 1957	-	-	-
(9) Under Sections 17 (3) and 26, Housing Act, 1957	-	-	-
(10) Part of buildings closed under Section 18, Housing Act 1957	-	-	-

C. UNFIT HOUSES MADE FIT AND HOUSES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE REMEDIED

	By Owner	By Local Authority
(11) After informal action by Local Authority	39	-
(12) After formal notice under (a) Public Health Acts (b) Sections 9 and 16, Housing Act 1957	15	-
(13) Under Section 24 and Section 27 Housing Act, 1957	-	-

D. UNFIT HOUSES IN TEMPORARY USE (Housing Act, 1957)

	Number of Houses	Number of separate dwellings contained in Column (1)
Position at end of year	(1)	(2)
(14) Retained for temporary accommodation		
(a) Under Section 48	-	-
(b) Under Section 17 (2)	-	-
(c) Under Section 46	-	-
(15) Licensed for temporary occupation under Section 34 or 53	-	-

E. PURCHASE OF HOUSES BY AGREEMENT

	Number of Houses	Number of occupants of houses in column (1)
	(1)	(2)
(16) Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Clearance Orders or Compulsory Purchase Orders, purchased in the year	-	-

No. of families rehoused during the year into Council
owned dwellings.

(1) Clearance Areas, etc.	36
(2) Overcrowding	197

OVERCROWDING

Survey carried out in 1935, now out of date.

It seems ridiculous in these days when Town Planners are demanding more space for almost all development that there is kept in being out-dated legislation introduced by the Housing Act, 1935 some 38 years ago regarding overcrowding, a standard which asked only for the minimum amount of space for each person in the home.

NEW DWELLINGS

No. of new dwellings completed during the year.

By Local Authority 27

By Private Enterprise 9

GRANTS FOR CONVERSION OR IMPROVEMENT OF HOUSING ACCOMMODATION

	Formal applications received during the year	Applications approved during the year	Number of dwellings completed during year
	Number of dwellings	Number of dwellings	
(a) <u>CONVERSIONS</u> (The number of dwellings is the number resulting from completion of the work)	6	6	5
(b) <u>IMPROVEMENTS</u>			
Standard	12	12	10
Discretionary	271	271	246

No. of Council Houses:-

(a) Traditional type houses	2435
(b) Old persons flatlets	26
(c) Caretakers flat	1

REPAIRS

The following is the list of work carried out during the year as a result of notices served:-

Roofs repaired	32
Chimney stacks repaired or re-built	6
Verge fillets repaired or renewed	3
Chimney pots replaced	5
Flashings to chimneys repaired or renewed	4
Eaves gutters cleared, repaired or renewed	20
Chimney flues repaired or reconstructed	5
Rainwater pipes repaired or renewed	10
Gratings provided to gullies	6
House walls repaired or re-built	10
Skylights repaired or renewed	4
Ventilation bricks provided to walls	4
Doors and frames repaired or renewed	20
Weatherbars provided and repaired	2
Door steps renewed	2
Windows repaired or rehung or replaced	34
Sash cords replaced	20
Window heads repaired or renewed	2
Kitchen ranges repaired or renewed	4
Ovens repaired or renewed	6
Sitting room firegrates repaired or renewed	4
Bedroom firegrates repaired or renewed	3
Firebacks repaired or renewed	5
Ventilated food stores provided	7
Plasterwork of walls and ceilings repaired or renewed	36
Floors repaired or renewed	8
Wash-hand basins renewed	4
Sinks renewed or re-fixed	14
Broken and defective sink waste pipes renewed	3
Staircase re-constructed or repaired	2
Dustbins renewed	104
Coal store roofs repaired	6
Coal store doors repaired	6
Coal store walls repaired	6
Cellar grates renewed	2
A sufficient supply of water provided to dwellinghouse	11
New taps provided	6
W.C. roofs repaired	5
W.C. doors repaired or renewed	5
Flushing cisterns repaired or renewed	10
W.C. pedestal basins renewed	9
W.C. seats repaired or renewed	9
W.C. walls repaired or re-built	3
Defective connections between W.C. basin and flush pipe repaired	6
No. of premises provided with adequate sanitary accommodation for public use	2
Burst W.C. pipes repaired or renewed	41
Stopped W.C. drains	6
Defective W.C. drains repaired or re-laid	6
Defective surface water drains cleared or repaired	3
Leaking yard drains repaired or renewed	3
Drainage systems overhauled and re-laid	36
Drains cleared	531
Vent shafts repaired or renewed	3
Yard surfaces repaired or renewed	16
W.C. soil pipes repaired or renewed	5
Cases of cellar flooding remedied	4
Hopper heads cleared, repaired or renewed	3
Accumulations of offensive refuse removed	4

Dirty and insanitary yard, areas, etc, of buildings cleansed	6
Dirty and insanitary premises cleansed	3
Burst water supply pipes repaired or renewed	3
Defective hot water system repaired	2
Nuisance from keeping animals abated	1
Handrails provided	14
Yard walls repaired or re-built	12
Yard gates repaired or renewed	12
Smoke nuisances	2
Manhole covers repaired or renewed	6

WATER

The whole of the water supply is obtained in bulk from Wakefield and District Water Board. It is filtered and chlorinated by the supplying authority, although owing to the uncoated condition of the mains, much of the chlorine is dissipated by the time it arrives in Normanton.

All dwellings in the district are supplied from the water mains (i.e. 100%)

No dwellings have a private piped supply.

During the year under review regular routine samples for bacteriological and chemical examinations were taken.

	No. of samples submitted	No. Satisfactory
Bacteriological Samples	17	17
Chemical Samples	1	1
Totals	18	18

With the formation of the Wakefield and District Water Board on the 1st October, 1961, local control passed from the hands of the Council and yet another function was taken over by a larger authority. It is, however, pleasing to realise that the excellent work done by the Council over the years is still with us in the form of the new water mains constructed by the Council, which will no doubt continue to render excellent service to the public of Normanton for many years to come.

WATER SUPPLY - PUBLIC SWIMMING BATHS

The water used for filling is from the mains of Wakefield and District Water Board.

Routine samples of water in the Bathing Pool of the Public Swimming Baths, High Street, Normanton were submitted during the nine months the bath was open.

	Bacteriological Samples			Chemical Samples	
	No. Obtained	No. Satisfactory	No. Unsatisfactory	No. Obtained	No. Satisfactory
March	2	2	-	-	-
April	4	4	-	-	-
May	10	10	-	-	-
June	6	6	-	-	-
July	8	8	-	1	1
August	4	4	-	-	-
September	6	6	-	-	-
October	8	8	-	-	-
November	2	2	-	-	-
Totals	50	50	-	1	1

A Wallace and Tiernan Breakpoint Chlorination Plant is installed and the bath was well maintained at all times. The water was changed in the middle of the swimming season.

The high standard which has been such a characteristic of the baths in Normanton over a considerable number of years was maintained.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

No. of houses connected to sewers	6611
No. of houses with satisfactory private drainage	13

All district is sewered, 25 isolated houses are beyond the reach of the sewers but no practical steps can be taken in this direction.

Owing to the effects of mining subsidence over the years the Council recently carried out major works of reconstruction to the Normanton sewers. These are working very well. The Council have now in mind a similar scheme for Altofts but this had not been commenced at the end of the year.

SANITARY ACCOMMODATION

No. of houses provided with water closets	6624
No. of houses provided with waste water closets	Nil
No. of houses provided with chemical closets	10 (0.2%)
No. of houses provided with privies	2 (0.3%)
No. of earth closets etc., converted to waste water closets	Nil
No. of houses served with earth closets, etc., due to lack of sewers or water facilities	12

There are 25 houses beyond the reach of the sewers which cannot be extended for practical reasons, although this number will be reduced when the Altofts Main Drainage Scheme is carried out.

Routine inspections were made under the Agriculture (Safety Health and Welfare Provisions) Act, 1956. Conditions were found to be generally satisfactory.

The Council empty all chemical closets without charge and supply chemicals for the closets. This system does function satisfactorily and whilst nothing can, of course, be as good as a water carriage system, this is the next best thing.

Cesspools are emptied by the combined gully and cesspool emptying machine which is very satisfactory.

TESTING

I am responsible for testing all drains in the district to both new and old properties.

620 inspections were made during the year in connection with drainage. The smoke colour and water tests were used in different cases.

531 drains were cleared by the Council's drain-man during the year.

This is a most essential and necessary service in a coal mining district such as Normanton, where the question of mining subsidence is always somewhat of a problem.

OFFENSIVE TRADES

There are now no offensive trades carried on in the district. The premises previously used have closed.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

The Council's site for showmen proved adequate and is well screened from the roadway. The Council, of course, continue to provide the necessary services for this site.

Some nuisance occurred from tinker type caravans squatting on Council land. These were removed by bulldozer.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 to 1961

INSPECTIONS

1. The following inspections were made to Factories by the Public Health Inspector.

Premises	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspection (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	16	8	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	39	27	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworker's premises).	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	55	35	-	-

DEFECTS

2. The following improvements were carried out to Factory Premises during the year:-

(1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S1)	1	1	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature (D3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation (S4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (D6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	2	2	-	-	-

There are 8 outworkers employed in the making of clothing in the district. Conditions at these premises were satisfactory.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT

The work is carried out by the Part-time Rodent Operator and the table set out below gives details of types of infestations dealt with. The figures shown are for the Calendar Year 1972. No difficulties were experienced.

Three of the staff were trained in the Ministry Rodent Control Methods. The keeping of animals on allotments is the main source of infestation, although no doubt subsidence is a contributory factor.

Systematic sewer treatments were carried out and in addition the table set out below shows the general work carried out by the department in this condition.

PROPERTIES OTHER THAN SEWERS

1. Number of properties
2. a. Total number of properties
(including nearby premises)
inspected following
notification
- b. Number infested by (i) Rats
(ii) Mice
3. a. Total number of properties
inspected for rats and/or
mice for reasons other than
notification.
- b. Number infested by (i) Rats
(ii) Mice

TYPE OF PROPERTY	
NON- <u>AGRICULTURAL</u>	<u>AGRICULTURAL</u>
7050	19
171	1
120 51	1 -
143	-
4 -	- -

SEWERS

4. Were any sewers infested by rats during the year?

Yes

Treatments were carried out.

SMOKE ABATEMENT

11 timed smoke observations were taken during the year. No industrial smoke nuisance occurred during the year. The Urban District of Normanton - Haw Hill Park - (No. 1) - Smoke Control Order 1967 which included 152 premises and has an acreage of 56 acres or thereabouts was the only order in operation at the end of the year. The Council have not yet made any other Orders.

The Smoke and Sulphur Dioxide Instrument at the Town Hall, High Street, Normanton gave the details shown below during the year 1972:-

MONTH	Smoke Concentration Microgrammes per Cubic Metre			Sulphur Dioxide Concentration Microgrammes per Cubic Metre		
	Average Value	Highest Value	Lowest Value	Average Value	Highest Value	Lowest Value
January	114	237	15	180	346	102
February	N	292	61	N	270	151
March	140	334	50	197	340	109
April	N	72	8	N	172	55
May	79	216	8	121	229	41
June	N	89	12	N	171	62
July	37	109	8	80	132	36
August	32	49	4	72	99	37
September	76	285	8	126	372	59
October	108	296	17	203	336	113
November	123	279	19	195	322	90
December	170	311	102	302	522	210

N - indicates that the instrument was not operating for the whole of the month concerned.

FOOD INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION

MILK SUPPLY

The majority of the milk sold in Normanton is bottled pasteurised milk and bottled T.T. pasteurised milk from a large combine and from a Co-operative Society in a neighbouring district. There are, also, five licensed dealers in the supply of Tuberculin Tested (Raw) Milk.

No. of dealers licenced to sell U.H.T. Milk	1
No. of dealers licenced to sell T.T. (Raw) Milk	2
No. of dealers licenced to sell Pasteurised Milk	24
No. of dealers licenced to sell Sterilised Milk	48
No. of Producer-Retailers	1

The responsibility for the issue of milk licenses previously issued by the Normanton Urban District Council now rests with the West Riding County Council.

Samples of milk were taken by the Public Health Inspector as follows:-

	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
Pasteurised Milk	4	-
T.T. Pasteurised Milk	-	-
Sterilised	2	-
Tuberculin Tested	3	-
Biological Tests for Tuberculosis	-	-
Culture Tests for Brucellosis	3	-

43 visits were made to licensed premises during the year.

In addition the following samples were taken by the County Public Health Inspector:-

	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
Pasteurised Milk	6	-
Raw Milk (T.T.)	2	-
U.H.T. Milk	-	-

We have no pasteurising plants in the district and our raw milk from farms goes to one of the neighbouring boroughs.

From an administrative point of view this renders any action to keep check on the milk prior to pasteurisation impossible at local level.

No complaints were received during the year regarding the quality of milk delivered to the consumers and as can be seen above all the samples taken by myself and my staff were satisfactory.

Samples taken by the Officers of the West Riding County Council within the area

	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
Milk	28	-
Drugs	-	-
Other Foods	30	-

No prosecutions were taken since all the samples were satisfactory.

ICE CREAM

78 premises are registered under the provisions of Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, 77 of these being retailers and 1 being a producer-retailer. A total of 40 inspections were made to registered premises during the year. Of these 26 visits were made to registered premises and 14 to producer-retailers premises.

No. of samples taken	11
No. satisfactory	11
No. Unsatisfactory	Nil

MEAT INSPECTION

No slaughtering now take place within the district, all slaughtering is done at the new public abattoir in Castleford.

There are no poultry processing premises within the district.

FOOD PREMISES

194 visits were made to butchers shops

201 visits were made to other food shops together with 31 visits to food preparing premises.

There are no egg pasteurisation plants in the district.

FOOD CONDEMNED

	<u>Cwts.</u>	<u>Qrs.</u>	<u>lbs.</u>
<u>Tinned Meats</u>			
1 x 10 lbs tins of lambs liver			10
12 x 12 lbs tins of boneless shoulder ham	1	1	4
2 tins of stewed steak			2
3 tins of corned beef			18
<u>Tinned Vegetables</u>			
5 tins of baked beans			5
2 tins of peas			2
<u>Tinned Fruit</u>			
2 tins of pineapples			2
4 tins of peaches			4
8 tins of tomatoes			8
2 tins of apricots			2
33 tins of blackcurrants			23
<u>Tinned Soup</u>			
4 tins of soup			4
<u>Tinned Cereals</u>			
3 tins of rice			3
<u>Other foods</u>			
25 black puddings			6
Carried forward	2	0	9

	<u>Cwts.</u>	<u>Qrs.</u>	<u>lbs.</u>
Brought forward.	2	0	9
<u>Frozen Foods</u>			
6 frozen turkeys		2	18
4 frozen ducklings			20
peas			20
beans		1	10
bread crumbs			6
sprouts		1	20
mixed vegetables			12
crispy cod friers			6
cut chips		2	10
sliced beef		1	12
steak pies			4
cod 56		2	20
rissoles			24
beefburgers			12
Haddock steak			20
sheperd pies			2
trifles			2
mousses			4
beef curry and rice			2
jam roll			6
6 fish cakes			2
fish fingers			22
kippers			12
Full total	4	1	23

FOOD AND DRUGS ADMINISTRATION

The list of food shops in the district is as follows:-

Chop Suey Parlour	1
Butchers	30
Fish and Chip shops	24
Greengrocers (retail)	15
Greengrocers (Wholesale and Stores)	5
Grocers	63
Mixed Businesses	36
Sweet and Tobacco	11
Confectioners	7
Bakehouses	7
Snack bars and Cafes	6

176 visits were made under the Act and the Food Hygiene Regulations as a result of which the following action was taken:-

No. of written informal notices served under the Act and Regulations

5

No. of cases in which verbal notices were given.

4

The following is a summary of the work carried out as a result of action taken above.

Shop fronts	1
Defective ceilings repaired or renewed	3
Defective floors repaired or renewed	1
Paved yards provided or re-laid	2

Sinks provided	1
Ventilation provided to shops, foodrooms etc	1
Hot water supply provided	2
Wash-hand basins provided	2
Soap and towels to shops, foodrooms etc	3
Walls of shops and foodrooms decorated	3
Ceilings of shops and foodrooms redecorated	3
Glass show cases provided to shops	2
Other action taken to prevent contamination of food	1
Notices provided in Sanitary Conveniences regarding washing of hands	6
Refrigerators provided	3

A close check was kept during the year on food delivery vans and the following is a summary of the work carried out as a result of the above action.

Proper washing facilities to delivery vans	2
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No legal action was taken during the year.

MARKETS

The Council some time ago carried out major improvements to the Market to comply with the Food Hygiene (Marked Stalls and Delivery Vehicles) Regulations 1966.

Each food stall now is totally enclosed on three sides, has a concrete floor is lined with impervious material and has a sink and wash-hand basin with hot and cold water, and electric points for heating.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND DISINFECTION

52 visits were made during the year to cases of infectious diseases and 20 disinfections were carried out after infectious diseases.

40 library and other books were disinfected during the year in the cabinet modified for this purpose.

Bedding was disinfected at the Sanitary and Cleansing Department, Castleford. The Council's van being used for transporting this.

PESTOLOGY

The following 48 disinfestations were carried out during the year to the houses shown for the following reasons:-

Bugs	1
Woodbeetles	9
Blackclocks	19
Silverfish	14
Ants	<u>5</u>
	48
	<u><u>48</u></u>

PETROLEUM ACTS

12 premises are licenced to store petroleum and all these have underground tanks.

21 visits were paid during the year to premises licenced under the Act.

WEST RIDING COUNTY COUNCIL GENERAL POWERS ACT, 1951

37 hairdressers and barbers were registered under the above Act at the end of the year, as also were 23 Food Hawkers and 5 Food Hawkers premises.

The total number of visits made for the purpose of the Act was 41.

PET ANIMAL ACT, 1951

One pet shop is licenced under the above Act in respect of birds, goldfish and tortoises.

Three visits were made during the year when it was found that the requirements of the Act were being complied with.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS

There are no Animal Boarding Establishments in the district.

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAYS PREMISES ACT, 1963

The following are details of action taken under the above-mentioned Act during the year:-

TABLE A - REGISTRATION AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Class of Premises (1)	Number of premises registered during the year (2)	Total number of registered premises at end of year (3)	Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year (4)
Offices	-	22	10
Retail Shops	-	78	53
Wholesale Shops, Warehouse	-	6	5
Catering establishments opened to the public	-	11	9
canteens	-	1	1
Fuel Storage depots	-		
Totals	-	118	78

TABLE B - NUMBER OF VISITS OF ALL KINDS BY INSPECTORS TO REGISTERED PREMISES -
(97)

TABLE C

ANALYSIS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES BY WORKPLACE

Class of workplace	Number of persons employed
(1)	(2)
Offices	68
Retail Shops	303
Wholesale departments, Warehouses	45
Catering establishments open to the public	62
Canteens	-
Fuel storage depots	1
Total	479
Total Males	162
Total Females	317

TABLE D. EXEMPTIONS - NIL

TABLE E. PROSECUTIONS - NIL

TABLE F. INSPECTIONS

No. of Inspectors appointed under Section 52 (1) or (5) 2

No. of other staff employed for most of their time on work in connection with the Act. -

PUBLIC CLEANSING SERVICE

The Council is responsible for all refuse collection and disposal and for the collection and subsequent disposal of salvage.

(1) Refuse Storage

The following are the types of receptacles in use at the end of the year:-

Dustbins	7920
Privy Middens	2
Pail Closets	10

Galvanised dustbins recommended and sold by the department are the 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ cubic feet B.S.S. bins galvanised after manufacture.

The privy middens and pail closets mentioned above are unfortunately beyond the reach of the sewer.

(2) Refuse Collection Service

The following table gives the number of types and receptacles cleansed:-

Dustbins	403580
Privy Middens	104
Pail Closets	520

Collections take place weekly except at holiday times when the service soon is back to normal. The Council can be justifiably proud of the efforts of their workmen in this connection.

(3) Transport

3 S/D 16 cubic yard Fore and Aft Tippers and a Karrier Bantam 10 cubic yard Dual Tip Refuse Collector.

(4) Staff

Drivers	4
Ashmen	15
Tipman	1
Salvage Man	1

Our salvage Bonus provided a worth while service and ensuring the collection of salvage which is a valuable material and at the same time reduces the amount of paper which goes to the tip.

REFUSE DISPOSAL

The method of refuse disposal is by controlled tipping and the number of loads tipped was 3321 as follows:-

Newland Tip 3321

The tip at Newland was very useful and this is centrally situated which cuts down delivery time to the tip.

The Case bulldozer continued to render useful service being very versatile and most useful for most of the year but then had to be replaced by an hired bulldozer towards the end of the year.

Normanton is a mining district and the tonnage of refuse obtained is in consequent very high. It is interesting in this connection to note that due to the increasing number of all night burning grates, very often the residue was placed in the dustbin in a very hot condition and on many occasions it was necessary to slake the refuse in the dustbin with water before it could be loaded into the lorry, so as to prevent ignition of the combustibles, such as paper in the refuse. This can be a serious matter as it is a potential source of tip fires. There were two tip fires during the year.

More and more new household goods of all kinds being pre-packed often in materials which have no salvage value such as polythene. These containers accumulate at the tips in large quantities and add to the problem of refuse disposal particularly during the Summer months when the ash content is low and proportion of those materials is high.

SALVAGE

The material salvaged is waste paper.

The following are the figures for the financial year showing the amounts of salvageable materials collected and the cash obtained:-

	<u>Tonnes</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>p.</u>
<u>Waste Paper</u>			
April - June	31.17	319	47
July - September	25.34	259	43
October - December	18.65	200	75
January - March	26.20	275	09
	<u>101.36</u>	<u>1054</u>	<u>74</u>

TOTAL SALVAGE REVENUE

	<u>Tonnes</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>p.</u>
WASTE PAPER	101.36	1054	74

In any business and the manufacture of board from Waste Paper is no exception, there are bound to be periodical fluctuations in demand but in spite of this our collection and sales have been maintained fairly well.

CONCLUSION

This report would be incomplete were I not to express appreciation of the work of the staff in my department, in particular Mr. J. A. Lindsay, the Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector, Mr. C. Jones, Pupil Public Health Inspector, Mr. M. Johnson, the Junior Assistant and Mrs. P. M. Senior the departments Shorthand/typist. The staff members have worked well during the year and deserve all the praise that can be given them.

May I also extend my thanks to the workmen in my department for their efforts during the year.

In conclusion I should like to thank the Members of the Council, the heads and individual members of other departments of the Council, and the Medical Officer of Health for their help and assistance during the year.

I am

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

F. Wilson

Chief Public Health Inspector

APPENDIX

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 to 1961

Details regarding the above Acts are included on pages

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